1	2	3	4
Urad		1330	5
Groundnut-in-shell		1355	20
Soybean	Yellow	885	10
	Black	795	10
Sunflowerseed		1195	15
Sesamum		1450	5
Nigerseed		1120	0
Cotton (Kapas)	F-414/H-777/J-34	1675	20
	H-4	1875	20

MSP policy of agricultural products

352. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Minimum Support Price policy is in force in the country;

(b) if so, the details of Minimum Support Prices for all agricultural products and foodgrains earmarked during the last three years;

(c) the measures taken by Government to protect the interests of the farmers in case the prices fall below Minimum Support Price level; and

(d) the details of the crops of which prices have fallen below Minimum Support Price during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement showing the Minimum Support Prices fixed for major agricultural commodities during the last three years is enclosed.

(c) The measures taken by the Government to protect the interests of the farmers on this score include fixation of Minimum Support Prices of major agricultural commodities, procurement of agricultural commodities, using instruments of trade to reduce imports and encourage exports, etc.

(d) The wholesale prices of several agricultural commodities ruled below the Minimum Support Prices fixed by the Government at certain centres in the country during the last three years. This included crops like wheat, rice, coarse cereals, oilseeds, copra, etc.

Statement

Details of Minimum Support Prices fixed for major agricultural commodities (According to Crop Year)

(Rs. per quintal)

Sl. No.	Commodity	Variety	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
1.	Paddy	Common	490	510	530
		Grade 'A'	520	540	560
2.	Coarse Cereals- (Jowar, Bajra, Ragi & Maize)		415	445	485
3.	Wheat		580	610	620
4.	Barley		430	500	500
5.	Gram		1015	1100	1200
6.	Arhar		1105	1200	1320
7.	Moong		1105	1200	1320
8.	Urad		1105	1200	1320
9.	Masur (lentil)		—	1200	1300
10.	Sugarcane@		56.10	59.50	62.05
11.	Cotton	F-414/H-777/J34	1575	1625	1675
		H-4	1775	1825	1875
12.	Groundnut-in-shell		1155	1220	1340
13.	Jute		750	785	810
14.	Rapeseed/Mustard		1100	1200	1300
15.	Sunflower Seed		1155	1170	1185
16.	Soybean	Black	755	775	795
		Yellow	845	865	885
17.	Safflower		1100	1200	1300
18.	Toria		1065	1165	1265

Sl. No.	Commodity	Variety	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
19.	Tobacco (VFC) (Rs. per kg.)	Black Soil (F2 Gr)	25.00	26.00	27.00
		Light Soil (L2 Gr)	27.00	28.00	29.00
20.	Copra (Calender Year)	Milling	3100	3250	3300
		Ball	3325	3500	3550
21.	Sesamum		1205	1300	1400
22.	Nigerseed		915	1025	1100

@ Statutory Minimum Price linked to a basic recovery of 8.5 per cent with proportionate premium for every 0.1 per cent increase in recovery above that level.

The MSP for masur (lentil) has been fixed from the crop year 2000-01.

Paying drought compensation to farmers

353. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the Commission on Agriculture Cost and Price (C.A.C.P.) to recommend to pay the compensation in cash and other forms to the farmers in view of drought;

(b) if so, the decision taken by the Commission in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the farmers from whom Government don't purchase grain at all would be deprived from getting this benefit in case the Commission announces bonus apart from M.S.P.; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) In view of the failure of monsoon during June-July, the Government asked the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (C.A.C.P.) to furnish a supplementary report on Price Policy for Kharif Crops of 2002-03 Season.

(b) Keeping in view the recommendation of the C.A.C.P., the Government has announced payment of Special Drought Relief Prices